



Serving the community of Bedhampton  
by sharing God's love and friendship

***Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021***  
*Advent Sunday*

**St Thomas'**  
**9.00am Holy Communion**  
Isaiah 52: 7-10  
Luke 21: 25-36

**St Nicholas'**  
**10.30am Morning Worship**  
1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13  
Luke 21: 25-36

### ***Collect***

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### ***Rector's Reflection***

"This Sunday we enter Advent, that period of waiting for God to send his Son on Christmas day. Advent like Lent is a time of reflection, a time to take stock." Those words were as far as I got before my mind wandered. I wanted to encourage you to take some time this Advent to reflect with God's Spirit on where he might be taking you. I wanted to inspire you to take that next step with Jesus. However as I sat down to write, a Covid induced brain fog came over me, and inspiration evaporated. So no inspirational words from The Rector this week, just the opportunity for us all to take responsibility for our own walk with the Creator of the Universe. With that in mind, what are you going to decide to do with this period of reflection during Advent?

## *Prayer*

### **Street Prayer**

Please pray for the residents of Nursery Road this week.

### **Those requesting prayer:**

Cliff Blofield, Peter, Karen Godling, Bonnie, Pam Morgan, Caleb, Eileen Newman, Denise Milligan, Mike

Please pray for all those in our community who currently have covid.

We remember the families of all those who have died and those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

## *What's on this week*

### **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

**8am Parish Prayer:** [www.Bedhampton.tv](http://www.Bedhampton.tv), Facebook or zoom

**10.30am Holy Communion (Mothers' Union):** St. Thomas' Church  
This will be a celebration of the life of Pat Jay. Please stay for refreshments after the service. *(Please note the change of time)*

### **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

**10am Online Holy Communion:** [www.Bedhampton.tv](http://www.Bedhampton.tv) or Facebook and available afterwards

### **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

**10am Coffee & Cake:** St Nicholas' Church, Gwatkin Hall

**Zoom meetings - [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us)** Meeting ID is 239 248 3013. You will be placed in a waiting room and let in by the leader of the meeting. Going to [Bton.uk/zoom](http://Bton.uk/zoom) will redirect you to the correct place

## *Life Events*

### *Golden Wedding*

Many congratulations to Sally and Mike Tritton who celebrate 50 years of married life this weekend!

### **Bedhampton Scouts Christmas Card Post Box**

The Bedhampton Scout Post Boxes will be in St Nicholas and St Thomas from Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec to Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec.

This is a free “good turn” service we do each year (when Pandemics allow) for the elderly and infirm.

Delivery is only within the Bedhampton Parish Boundary by Scout footsteps (it’s a long walk to Aberdeen!)

### **Parish Meal**

We had hoped to have a Christmas meal this year but this will not be possible. We’re looking forward to having a parish meal in the spring.

### **Covid precautions**

Please remember to sanitize your hands and please wear a mask while moving around the church.

### **Spend a penny pot!**

Will you ‘spend a penny’ to help us to raise money to refurbish our toilets? There is a jar in each church for any loose change you may have.

### **Operation Christmas Child**

Once again thank you to everyone who packed a shoe box they have now been delivered to the drop off point and are on their way ready for Christmas.

### **Stamps**

Deb collects stamps for the RNIB. If you would like to help her please take any stamps you have into the parish office or leave them at either church for her to collect. Thanks

### **Messy church**

Please collect cardboard tubes! (not toilet rolls) Thanks!

Please note that the Messy Church Christmas party has been cancelled this year.

At the moment we have a small team of people taking care of the refreshments to see how it all pans out. In the new year we will be looking to expand this group and Sally will be putting notices out so that people can sign up if they would like to help. Sally will then be able to contact you if this is a part of messy in which you would like to be involved.

### **Food Bank**

Can anybody help with food bank collections? If so please contact Belinda Moore 07709 449240

### **Online rotas**

Please remember to check the online rota regularly, in case there are last minute changes. [www.bedhampton.church/rota](http://www.bedhampton.church/rota)



## Havant Passion Play

We're offering a short filmed monologue every day of Advent.  
Hear a different character from the story of the coming of Christ share  
their own experience each day.

**Starting on**  
**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

Open a new door every day on A Living Advent Calendar on:

**YouTube:** HPP - A living advent calendar Day 1 (and so on)

**HPP website:** <https://www.havantpassionplay.org.uk/>

**Facebook:**

<https://engb.facebook.com/pg/havantpassionplay/community/>

### ***Bitesize Bible***

Luke 22: 1 - Luke 22: 53

Hebrews 4: 1 - Hebrews 7: 10

Isaiah 14: 1 - Isaiah 30: end

Proverbs 21: 1 - Proverbs 23: 35

***Next week: Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December***

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent*

**St Thomas'**  
**9.00am Morning Prayer**  
Malachi 3: 1-4  
Luke 3: 1-6

**St Nicholas'**  
**10.30am Messy Church**  
*Please contact Deb  
to book your place*

### ***Contact us***

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